## MAY BALK PLAN TO HARNESS POTOMAC

Present Owners of Rights Expected to Demand Fancy Prices.

### BIG LEGAL BATTLE LIKELY TO FOLLOW

Project, If Carried Out, Would Be One of World-wide

Note.

(Continued from First Page.)

twenty engineers has been at work, twenty engineers has been at work, un-der assignment by the Geological Sur-vey, trying to determine what engi-neering plan should be adopted. The cold weather and snow have made the work very difficult, but it is expected that a pretty satisfactory preliminary report will be placed in the hands of the District Commissioners by January 15.

Litigation Is Expected.

As soon as the engineering estimate bave been prepared with sufficient finality to warrant further steps, the question of getting authority to develop the falls will be taken up. This will likely require long negotiation and litigation. The Washington Palway and Electri

Company owns the Virginia side of the river, and an undivided one-half interest

river, and an undivided one-half interest on the Maryland side; but there are complications which add to the difficulty of direct negotiations. Years ago the company wanted a million dollars for its rights, and now it is expected considerably to raise the price.

The General Electric interest is indirect, and the extent to which its influence will be exerted is problematical. The Washington Railway and Electric Company is one of the concerns of its class which are commonly set down, among engineers and electrical promoters, as a "General Electric institution;" that is, it is considered to be under General Electric influence, buys its electrical machinery from the General Electric, and is credited with at least a morganatic financial relationship.

### Influence of the Past.

Stories are told of how General Electric influence has been employed in the past to discourage efforts at development of the Great Falls project by the National Government.

two or three centuries, to monopolize Great Falls and develop its possibil-

In the first place, under the royal In the first place, under the royal grants to the founders of Maryland, the State of Maryland owns the waters of the Potomac river. The ordinary rule in this country is that in case of a boundary river, the middle of the channel is the boundary line. Not so in this case. Maryland owns to low water line on the Virginia side, and this fact will prove highly important in proceedings which sooner or later will be required to determine how the property may be developed.

McKenzie, of 19 K street northwest, but the name and address were found to be fictilous.

There is no doubt about the child being the same one," said Miss Cox. after leaving the infant asylum. "I remember the clothes as well as if I limb. Seen them yesterday. When she came to the hospital the mother wrote say. This morning he was more wor-

New Peruvian Cabinet. LIMA, Peru, Dec. 29.—The new Peru ian cabinet was anounced here today The only changes are the selection of Dr. German Laguia Martinez as minister of foreign affairs and Dr. Antonio Flores as minister of justice. Minister Martinez is at present representing his country at the legation at Quito, Ecuador



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## SCRUBBING OF STREETS OF CAPITAL IS BEGUN

Combined Efforts of "White Wings," Fire and Water Departments Utilized to Clean Up Washington Thoroughfares—Sweepers At Work.

James M. Wood, with the approval of up the dirt and loaded it into carts. Commissioner Johnston, today appealed to Chief Wagner and W. A. McFarland snow and lee remaining, the Street thoroughfares the snow and slush.

partment. The hose is attached to water consideration must be had for the fuolugs and operated by laborers from the ture.

each were assigned to the task.

The proposition to employ the aid of the Fire Department in cleaning the streets was suggested last winter, but was opposed at that time by Chief Wagner on the ground that it was impossible to detail men from the engine.

Through the combined efforts of the Superintendent Wood, heretofore has Street Cleaning, Fire and Water De-prevented the use of the street sweeppartments, Washington is to have clean-er streets. ers, which can be operated only in mild weather. Following the machines, mild weather. Following the machines, Answering a universal complaint, men with brushes and shovels picked

removing from the principal Cleaning Department is exercising the utmost economy. There is no denial At a conference between the officials it was decided to clean the streets with hose to be furnished by the Fire Detailed the other hand it is pointed out that

Water Department, who began work in This saving on the part of the the northwestern section of the city this Street Cleaning Department is at-afternoon. Eight gangs of four men tributable to the Washington climate.

Wagner on the ground that it was impossible to detail men from the engine houses in view of the fact that their services might be demanded at any time in answering a fire call.

Under the present arrangement, however, the services of the firemen will not be required. Seventeen machine sweepers were placed in operation today for the first time since the recent snow fall. The cold weather, according to

# LIFE WITH BULLET

Matters, William Lerch Commits Suicide.

Four-and-a-half street southwest.

Attracted by the shot Mrs. Lerch, who hospital about December 8. was in the dining room, rushed to the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor with a revolver clenched in his right hand. Blood was flowing from the wormed by the wormed to be the wormed to be a continuous to be the wormed to be the w

del troubles for some time, his friends a letter to a friend or relative in Philaseleveloped.

George Washington was president of the first company that got rights ooking to the development of this sower. The company did some canal control of the power and or operty passed to successors, and many years ago Gen. Benjamin F. Butler became the chief figure in a project to get control of the power cossibilities.

A remarkable chain of corporations of the power of the power

Every child who is a guest of the Salvasting in the way of development—namely, the Washington Railway and Electric Company. In the past, when water supply agneduct rights, etc., have been needed for Washington, these various companies holding perpetual charters and unlimited powers have regularly held up Uncle Sam for excessive prices; and unlimited powers have regularly held up Uncle Sam for excessive prices; and in future, unless anticipations are going to be greatly disappointed. He washington flowers have regularly held up Uncle Sam for excessive prices; and in future, unless anticipations are going to be greatly disappointed. He washington follows the first three dictates of the season with holly, for the occasion the barracks and evergreen boughs. A program of yielded songs and rectangularly held up Uncle Sam for excessive prices; and to be quite as thrifty in its excessor to the ex-company wanted the season with holly, and has promised to be quite as thrifty in its excessor to the ex-company wanted the season with holly, and has promised the dictate of the season with holly, and has promised to be quite as thrifty in its held cates of the esason with holly, and he season the following and the following rectangular to the contributions of these things or cash will be very glady received at the same time the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company wanted \$600,000.

The Government didn't pay such preposterous claims; but it is very well understood that the present holders of the water and riparian rights are planning to get as much as possible for them, and the effort to unitangle the legal situation and ascertain the force of ancient charters, and colonial and royal grants, will carry investigators back to documents bearing the seals of the royal Stuarts, the signature of Washington, and the imprimatures of the water and riparian rights are planning to get as much as possible for them, and the effort to unitangle the legal situation and ascertain the force of ancient charters, and colonial and royal grants, will

# BUSINESS MAN ENDS NURSE IDENTIFIES ABANDONED BABY

Despondent Over Financial Had Been Left In the Vesibule of I Street Resi-

dence.

Discouraged over financial matters, Miss Marie Cox, a nurse at the Ho-William Lerch, forty-two years old, a liquor dealer, ended his life about 9:30 Infant Asylum this morning and identified the three-week-old baby boy A most romantic history could be in the right temple in the bathroom of abardoned Monday night in the vestiwoven about the various efforts, in his apartment over the barroom at 500 bule of the home of E. W. Creecy, 1810 I street, as a child who was born at the

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# TAFT TO MAKE RACE

Promised Him By "Favorite Sons."

If the feeling of the callers at the White House today is an index to the sentiment throughout the country over lying between Florida avenue, Euclid

ton, New York, Pennsylvania, and Mis plainiy and clearly appropriated the souri are Taft's for the asking. This is money, and did not merely authorize it.

# DR: WIBER FUNERAL DENTAL COLLEGES FRIDAY AFTERNOON ATTACKED IN SPEECH

Butler became the chief figure in a project to get control of the power project of the projec as Dr. Wiber was a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, under whose auspices the funeral will be conducted. The burial service will be held at Glenwood Cemetery.

"Babel to Esperanto."

Under the auspices of the National Geological Society, an address, "From Babel to Esperanto," will be given by Yrof. A. Christen, at the New Masonic auditorium, New York avenue and Thirteenth street, tomorrow evening.

# CALLERS ENCOURAGE | MERIDIAN HILL PARK | POLICE HAVE CLUE CASE IS DECIDED TO FALSE ALARMS

gress Plainly Appropriated Money Needed.

the Republican Presidential nomination street, Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, in 1912, President Taft will have smooth for a public park, and directing that sailing. Five State delegations are just as good as delivered now. Nebraska, Washing-

what favorite sons of these four big In making this decision Chief Justice States said today. For days the White House has been the movement for more parks throughfull of politics. The fact of the Roose-out the city, and, in setting a day for veit correspondence with the President the appointment of a commission to excame along at a time when politicians amine the property with a view to value of the property with a view to value of the property holders refuse to sell at the Government's price-practically in-sured the city an additional and exten-

Developments.

This has been followed from time to time with conferences of more or less importance. Then came the information that the word had gone out to the President's close friends that he would be a candidate for re-election and that the work of securing the nomination would of course be the first consideration.

Right on the heels of this is the semi-official announcement that the National Republican committee will meet in this city next month some time and will respond to the President's wish in chosing a successor to Postmaster General Hitchcock, as chairman.

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William H. and Tillie C. Lewis, girl. Charles and Mamie Moscoti, boy.

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holding the next meeting in February,

The Dental Society of the District and

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> Believed to be responsible for the nu merous false alarms of fire sent in from all sections of the city during the last two months, two young white men, detected in the act of attempting to sound an alarm from the box at Seventh and G streets northeast, are being sought to day by the police.

The police say the young men, both of whom appeared to be about nineteen years old, are undoubtedly responsible for the large number of false alarms which have been sounded recently.

## The Vital Records.

a successor to Postmaster General Silcheock, as chairman. It is true, that those Whit significant, it is true, that those Whit significant it is true, that those Whit is significant it is true, that those Whit is some of the resident in the varieties of the action of their, states. They said their delegations would go to the constraint of the action of their, states.

Nebraska's Stand.

Senator Burkett, who was defeated for re-election by Gilbert Hitchoock, as challenged the tract mentioned, up to the sum of the action of the single will be succeeded in a few months by Miles Poincarter, an insurgent.

No sooner had this assurance been siven that the Missouri vote would go to the President.

No sooner had this assurance been siven than Representative Daizel of Pennsylvania came along. He told the details of the Commantion and improvements.

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WHITE.

John R. Gould, 25 years, Emergency Hospital. John W. Venable, 57 years, on steam car between Cumberland, Md., and D. C. Robert W. Acfield, & years, 216 K street northwest. John W. Owens, 48 years, 706 F street Illiam P. Huxford, & years, The Albe orge Nally, 2 years, 1013 Third street

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BROOKS-On Monday, December 28, 1919, Mrs. FANNIE BROOKS. Funeral Thureday, December 30, at 2 o'clock, from her late home, 1913 Ninth street northwest. Friends and relatives

GOWN-On Tuesday, December 27, 1919, at 5:15 p. m., at the residence, 15:16 Wallach clace, MARY, deughter of the late Jane Brown and sister of Susie Brooks. BROWN-On Monday, December 26, 1816, IDA BROWN, wife of William Erown and sister of Josephine Williams, Edward, and Katis Dixon.

Eighth street, between D and E streets, southwest.

BURKHALITER—On Tuesday, December 27, 1910, at 5 o'clock p.m., at Providence Hospital, KATHERINE BURKHALITER these Enzle), a mative of Wirtenberg, Germany, wife of Earnest Burkhalter, in the thirty-fifth year of her age.

Funerai Thursday, December 22, from her late residence, 404 Kentucky avenue southeast, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives invited.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

DAVIS—On Wednesday, December 28, 1819,
HESTER A. DAVIS, in the seventy-second
year of her age.
Funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel F. Fowler, 100 Seventh
street northeast, Friday, December 30, az
2-p. m. Friends and relatives invited to
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KLOPFER-On Wednesday, December 28, 1919, at 3 a.m., at his residence, 1207 First street northwest, NATHAN W., husband of Lucy Knopfer.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

McCARTHY—On Wednesday, December 28, 1986, at 12:30 a.m., at her residence, the Columbia, Fourteenth and Girard streets northwest, Mrs. ALICE McCARTHY, widow of Timothy McCarthy and mother of D. P. McCarthy. of timetry accurring and mother of D. P.

Funeral from her late residence on Friday,
December 30, at 8:30 a. m.; thence to Sacred
Heart Charch, where mass will be said
at 9 o'clock Interment (private) at Bonnie
Brae Cemetery, Baltimore.

MOORE—On Wednesday, December 28, 1819, at her residence, 514 Third street north-west, ELIZABETH L., wife of J. W.

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Funeral on Friday, December 30, at 2 p. m. Interment private.

MEADE—On Wednesday, December 28, 1810, after a brief iliness, at his residence, 1307

Third "street northwest, CHRISTOPHER, the beloved husband of Estella B. Meade, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

Funeral Saturday, December 21, 121 p.m. Interment at Rock Creek Cemetery.

(Boston papers please copy.)

NALLEY—On Tuesday, December 22, 1910, at his residence, 1012 Third street northeast. GEORGE, son of George and Annie Nelley. aged two yeare.

Funeral from his late residence on Thursday, December 29, at 10:30 a. m. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

NEWKIRK—On Wednesday, December 23.

and relatives invited to attend.

NEWKIRK—On % ednesday, December 28, 1910, at 7:30 o'clook a. m., at her residence, 519 Third street northeast, CAROLINE, NEWKIRK, beloved mother of James T., Prank L., and Arbella Newkirk, in the seventy-sixth year of her age.

Relatives and friends are requested to attend the funeral from the chapel of J. William Lee, undertaker, 322 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, on Friday, December 30, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

OSSIRE—On Wednesday, December 28, 1910, MARY E. OSSIRE, daughter of the late George H. and Julia C. Ossire.

Funeral from sister's residence, 3229 Volta place, Friday, December 30, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

2MITH—Suddenly, on Thursday, December 32, 1910, MITH—Suddenly, on Thursday, December 1910, 2MITH—Suddenly, on Thursday, December 29, 1810, at 1650 a.m., HELEN BURNA DETTE SMITH, daughter of Marshall L. and Mary A. Smith, of 417 Ninth street southwest. Notice of funeral hereafter.

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WHELAN—On Wednesday, December 28, 1919,
at 2:30 p. m., at her brother's residence,
28% P street northwest. Miss MARTHA
WHELAN, aged sixty-four years.
Funeral from Holy Trinity Church, Thirtysixth and O streets northwest on Friday,
December 20, at 3 a. m. Interment private

### IN MEMORIAM

REESCH—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear mother, BOLDINA C. REESCH. who died two years ago today, December 29, 1908. Two years have passed, our hearts still sore; 29, 1908.
Two years have passed, our hearts still sore As time goes on we miss her more; Her loving smile and gentle face; None can fill her vacant place.

—By Her Beloved Son and Daughter.

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The polis will be open from 11 o'clock A. M. until 12 o'clock noon.

H. D. CRAMPTON, Secretary.

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